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The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the
COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION to:


USS CARR THEATRE SECURITY COOPERATION (TSC) TEAM

For service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 6 to 8 May 2009 while serving on USS CARR (FFG 52) in support of Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) initiatives with the Costa Rican (CRI) Coast Guard (CG). During this period, the USS CARR, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Squadron 42 Detachment Eight, and Law Enforcement Detachment 401 conducted Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE) enabling USS CARR's TSC Team to conduct the first ever U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and Costa Rican Coast Guard maritime exercise on 8 May 2009. Highlighted events that directly contributed to the successful engagements included: 1) SMEE initiatives focused on law enforcement defensive tactics, boarding procedures, and counter-drug tactics at the CRI CG Academy; 2) cross-deck SMEE onboard CRI CG vessels PANCHA CARRASCO and BOCA BRAVO focused on navigation, ship handling, and communication; 3) at-sea law enforcement boarding demonstration; 4) Airborne Use of Force demonstration, 5) and tour of the USS CARR for CRI CG members. USS CARR TSC Team's efforts successfully demonstrated and improved maritime interoperability capabilities and will serve as a catalyst for future operations between U.S. and CRI forces. Additionally, the team's community project of delivering donated medical and hygienic supplies to the local school and retirement home greatly contributed to a favorable U.S. Navy and USCG image. The dedication, pride, and professionalism displayed by the USS CARR Theater Security Cooperation Team are in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Coast Guard.

For the Commandant,

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